

## **Library Council of Washington**

### **November 8, 2013**

**Seattle Public Library, Central Library**  
**1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

#### **LCW PRESENT**

Nancy A. Bunker, Academic 4-Year  
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries  
Kyle Cox, Public Libraries Over 100,000  
~~Eliza Dresang, Ex-Officio, iSchool~~  
Trish Henry, School Libraries  
Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology  
Pam Nyberg Kiesner, Public Libraries  
Under 100,000  
Jim Loter, Information Technology

Cynthia Lucas, Special Libraries  
Valerie McBeth, Special Libraries  
Christine Peck, Rural Libraries  
Ana C. Romero-Figueroa, Cultural Diversity  
Rand Simmons, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL  
Joan Weber, Academic 2-Year  
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

#### **WSL PRESENT**

Jeff Martin, Program Manager  
Leanna Hammond, Administrative Assistant

#### **GUESTS**

Elizabeth Mills, University of Washington  
iSchool for Eliza Dresang  
Korissa Fitterer, University of Washington  
iSchool

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Joan, Chair, welcomed Council. Round table introductions were made. Jim welcomed the Council to the Seattle Public Library. (Certificates given to council members leaving.)

#### **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING NOTES**

Correct Priscilla Ice's name – minutes approved.

#### **STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Rand provided the State Librarian's report:

##### **Budget**

Current Heritage Center (HC) funds: Washington State Library's (WSL) state money comes from this area, and continues to receive funds through filing fees from marriage licenses, property transactions, business license, etc. Private donations for the HC are in a private trust.

In the future: Secretary of State Kim Wyman thinks we should be under the general state fund. Kim is trying to redesign the HC concept; no facility centrally located on the Capital Campus, no museum, and no additional conference center – only a Library/Archives Building. (Library and Archives would merge and become one.) HC funds could be "capped" if revenue stream becomes too high/steady. Eventually there will be a different method funding. The possible merger is six to eight years away. This coming legislative session Kim will be asking for pre-design money.

## **Library 21 Initiative**

The Washington State Legislature considers WSL to be old-fashioned; perception is not in our favor. This initiative is to show the Legislature that we are striving forward and meeting the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century people. Legislators need to be shown that WSL is working with libraries in their districts, and WSL directly affects their residents/tax-payers/constituents – demonstrating this helps WSL stay funded.

### **Public Libraries**

Library 21 is an opportunity for public libraries to share WSL's story to existing relationships with district media, officials, etc.

### **Changing Identity**

Kate Burton shared:

- University of Sheffield calls their library, Information Commons – which helped them obtain more funding.
- Suggested a name change to "LIT" – Library, Information, Technology. Using "information" in the title can leverage more interest and funding.

### **School Libraries**

School libraries are told they are also out-dated. Idea: Keep teacher-librarian designations, but consider integrating more technology into teacher-librarian job descriptions.

## **THE EDGE**

[The Edge](#) is an online tool to aid libraries and local governments work to achieve community goals. Every library can pull its own data, but WSL could pull the data at a state level for legislators. The Edge is funded by [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#). Pilot testing has been done with five state libraries, and will go live in January 2014. The service comes at a cost (unknown at this time), but fees will not be implemented until next year.

## **USE OF 2014 LSTA FUNDING**

Council's ideas for the use of unallocated [Library Services and Technology Act](#) (LSTA) funds:

- Re-establish programs that were cut for budgetary reasons
- Provide more grants to libraries
- Supply seed money for beta-testing new projects and expanding successful ones
- Fund grant and project assessments (as a component of the second year of a grant's funding)
- Provide specific program and project outreach
- Fund innovative and new projects so the state can continue to advance in terms of its development of libraries.
- Put out a call in January/February for ideas from around the state. At the March 2014 meeting, the Council could prioritize ideas and share them with the library community to weigh-in on. Final recommendations could be confirmed at the May 2014 meeting.

Jeff shared the 6 priorities agreed upon in 2009:

1. Easing statewide access
2. Increasing applied literacy
3. Enhance libraries as relevancy in a democratic society
4. Serving traditionally underserved, un-served and promoting culture diversity
5. Evolving skills/knowledge of library staff

## 6. Preserving library collections

### **COUNCIL TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION: LIVING VOTER'S GUIDE**

Presentation on [Living Voter's Guide](#) – a partnership between the Seattle Public Library (SPL) and Seattle [CityClub](#) to create civic engagement and community. The Living Voter's Guide is a statewide, online information and resource sharing site that includes information on all ballot measures (statewide, regional, and local). The site does no background checking; uses the honor system for log-ins and comments.

Contact Diane Douglas ([ddouglas@seattlecityclub.org](mailto:ddouglas@seattlecityclub.org)) for information regarding service enrollment.

(The PowerPoint of the presentation is available upon request to CityClub.)

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

- Cultural Diversity recommendation to replace Ana Romero-Figueroa:  
Patricia Cutright – approved
- School Libraries recommendation to replace Kate Burton:  
Marci Howells – approved
- Two-Year Academic recommendation to replace Joan Weber:  
Jane Blume – approved

### **NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

- Chair recommendation:  
Valerie McBeth – approved
- Vice-chair recommendation:  
Nancy Bunker – approved

### **MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY**

- [Microsoft IT Academy](#) is in the process of repairing technical issues, and is continuing a slow roll-out.
- IT Academy's main talking points – great project, great partnership, and great investment by the Legislature.
- Microsoft created enrollment codes for everyone who has not created them for the E-learning component. Microsoft sent participating libraries information for enrollment codes so a person who comes in can see all E-learning courses available.

### **INFORMATION SHARING**

- Electronic agenda packets will be sent to Council members in the future, rather than paper packets.
- Joan, Ana, and Kate are “retiring” from Council; thanks to them for their years of service.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Microsoft IT Academy
- The Edge Benchmarks
- Ideas for Unallocated Funding

***Adjourned***

### **TOUR OF SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**